

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Manuel R. SILVA, Jr., et al.)	Confirmation No: 4556
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Application No.: 10/622,631)	Group Art Unit: 3752
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Filed: 21 July 2003)	Examiner: D.W. GORMAN
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For: DRY SPRINKLER)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

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Sir:

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Cited as reference A1 is U.S. Patent No. 5,775,431 to ONDRACEK which was identified in currently pending U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0113093 (the '093 Publication), filed on December 1, 2004, having Application No. 11/000,129 and identified as reference A2 in the

Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 6, 2008. As was indicated in the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, the first inventor named in the instant application is also the inventor named in the '093 Publication.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits after the filing of the May 6, 2008 Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3840.

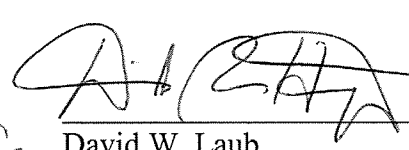
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

New Attorney Docket Number -- The attorney docket number for this application has been amended to: **34008:E/1-US (-060US)**. Kindly reference this docket number in all future correspondence regarding this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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